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SUBJ: DHEW-FRG AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH COOPERATION

1. MAY 20 LETTER FROM DR VOLKER HAUFF, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TO DR THEODORE COOPER, ASST SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, DHEW, PROPOSES DHEW-MORT AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN HEALTH. SUCH AN AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED DURING VISIT OF MINISTER MATTHOFER TO WASHINGTON IN 1976. DHEW/OIH REQUESTS EMBASSY ADVISE ON FOLLOWING:

2. WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WOULD HEW-MORT AGREEMENT HAVE ON PRESENT FRIENDLY HEW-MOH /MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH/ RELATIONSHIP? THERE IS ANTICIPATION OF EXPANSION IN CANCER AND CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH BETWEEN HEW-MORT WITH LIMITED, IF ANY, INVOLVEMENT OF MOH.

3. WOULD NAME OF AGREEMENT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO MORT? RMANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SPOKEN OF GENERAL OR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. DHEW WOULD PREFER MORE SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN COOPER AND MINISTER MATTHOFER DURING MINISTERS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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4. US-FRG COOPERATION IN HEALTH SEEN AS STRONG BECAUSE

INFORMAL, FLEXIBLE AND NOT INVOLVED WITH POLITICAL
CONSTRAINTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTIFIC
INSTITUTIONS. MORT PERSISTS WITH REQUESTS FOR FORMAL
AGREEMENT. FOR DHEW A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH FRG SEEN AS
UNNECESSARY AND POTENTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER,
IF SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EITHER FRG OR USG
IN SOME PRESENTLY UNANTICIPATED MANNER HEW WILLING TO
CONSIDER IT FURTHER. KISSINGER

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